

Delaware TRS Advisory Committee
Monday, April 4, 2016
Delaware School for the Deaf



Attendees:

Angie Officer – Chairperson /Note Taker

	Colleen Gause		Christy Hennessey
	Karen Latimer		Eva Hartmann
	Linda Heller		Loretta Sarro, Interim Chairperson
	Connie McDowell		Oliver Cleary
	Angie Officer		CART Service
	3 Sign Language Interpreters		Harriet Ann Litwin

Minutes:

- Colleen Gause explained that we would seek to amend the legislation that establishes the DE TRS Advisory Committee to replace some of the members that have not been attending regularly and include a suggestion that the committee be able to add additional members by majority vote going forward.
 - Currently looking into Senate Bill 184. Recommend not to limit to 11 members only.
 - Change Kyle Hodges' title – State Counsel for Persons with Disabilities.
 - Replace Delaware Association of the Deaf with Delaware Assistive Technology Initiative.
 - Add a line that would allow committee to add additional members.
- Connie McConnell took care of the amended legislation. The bylaws have been amended in the same fashion as Senate Bill 184. The next step is for Oliver and his team to review and make any appropriate edits, then several of original sponsors have agreed to carry this forward in the general assembly in the current session of the committee.
- The current legislation sessions ends June 30th. Hopefully we can get the amended legislation before that date. Colleen, Connie and Oliver will keep us posted - special thanks to them for their hard work on this task.
- Loretta Sarro will continue to be the interim Chairperson, responsible for the agenda and posting it to the public website. Colleen will do the minutes for the committee.
- The committee agreed to hold off on bylaws until the new legislation is passed. Once the legislation is passed we can finalize the bylaws, depending on when the governor signs, which could be a day or a couple of months.
- The committee agreed that it would be best to meet twice a year instead of four times.
- Angie Officer provided an overview about the Delaware Relay Service and outreach efforts.
- The committee agreed to meet on Monday, September 26th at 10:00 a.m. ET at the Delaware School for the Deaf in Newark, DE.

Action Item Log:

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